**VILLAGE OF VALATIE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**February 8, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building**

**Board members** **Audience**

Mayor Frank Bevens Sean Casey, Joe Loeffler

Trustee Matthew Carter Patrick Rodgers, Randall Schmit

Trustee Larry Eleby

Trustee Angelo Nero

Trustee David Williams

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq

Barbara A. Fischer- Village Clerk

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #79** was made by Trustee Carter to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #80** was made by Trustee Eleby to approve the abstract of bills 2022-#9-#364-391 for a total of **$17,509.17**. The off abstract of vouchers totaled **$62,08.83** for a grand total of all bills at **$79,593.00**. Trustee Nero seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Main Street Sidewalk Committee-** The trees along Main Street will be trimmed next week weather permitting due to the cold and ice.

**Signs**-Nothing new, signs up soon.

**Parks**- Mayor Bevens received a quote for a bike rack at the bottom of Church Street that will hold 10 bicycles. The cost is $1,536.78 with shipping and handling. Stuyvesant Mechanical will install the rack.

**Resolution # 81** was made by Trustee Williams to purchase the rack. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Water Department**- (WWTP report on file) The oxygen sensor in the upstairs bar screen room has been replaced. Supervisor Ed Czyzewski and Mayor Bevens met with the Village Engineer and Columbia County Department of Health to begin the process of addressing the PFOS violation on Well #1 and the beginning process of a filtration system. They are currently in the information gathering stage and plan to meet again in another month. The first quarter PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4 Dioxane sampling will be conducted on February 8th.

Robert has completed all three Wastewater training courses at SUNY Morrisville. He has also completed his license application and it was submitted to NYWEA for approval. Once approved, he will get an exam date for the Wastewater certification.

**Parks**- The Pavilion will hopefully be done this week!

**Nixle**- Text messaging is “live” now and there are about 100 people signed up for alerts with text or email. We will be keeping the old email system as well and there are forms in the office for residents to sign up for Nixle. Residents can also sign up on the Village website.

**Public Comments**- none

**Energy Onyx**- no new report.

**Valatie Rescue Squad**- Vaccinations will continue on February 12th. There are COVID Test kits in the Village Office for anyone who needs one.

**Fire Department**- (On file in the clerk’s office- December & January) There was only 1 call in December and 5 calls in January.

The department had been looking to purchase a new fire truck but since we still owe on the BOND for the current truck, according to BOND Counsel, we are not allowed to pay off the BOND early. The Board and the Fire Chief discussed options for another truck down the road. The Board discussed not going out so far in years if they are to purchase another fire truck.

**V.E.R.A.-** Randall reported that VERA is discussing dates for activities and the Artisan Fair. They did two tag sales last year and they are looking to do one in October so far. Winter Walk is being scheduled and they are hoping to get the VERA sign by the bridge repaired by April or May.

**Theater- no report**

**Building Department/Code Enforcement Report**- none

**Clerk’s Report**- The Veterans Banner application and Eligibility information sheet are available in the Clerk’s Office.

Approval is needed for the following Resolutions;

**Resolution # 82** was made by Trustee David Williams to Adopt the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures for the installation of small- scale photovoltaic systems and hereby directs the Code Enforcement Officer to use said New York State Solar Permit application form and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small- scale photovoltaic systems. Trustee Larry Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #83** was made by Trustee Matthew Carter to adopt the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge which comprises the following ten elements:

1. Build a climate-smart community
2. Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action
3. Decrease energy use
4. Shift to clean, renewable energy
5. Use climate-smart land use
6. Enhance community resilience to climate change
7. Support a green innovation economy
8. Inform the public
9. Engage in an evolving process of climate change

Trustee Eleby seconded the motion, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Eleby presented a resolution to be accepted by the Board in regard to the Hudson River Valley Greenway sponsorship of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Study regarding the Kinderhook Creek Shoreline Erosion. The Kinderhook Creek Shoreline erosion is ongoing; is impacting the community walking trails and shoreline; that action is needed to stabilize the shoreline; is reducing shoreline, walking trails and trees impacting future generations’ use; and develop plans for equipment use and materials required.

**Resolution #84** was made by Trustee Carter to adopt and accept the Kinderhook Creek Shoreline Resiliency Study conducted by the firm Weston & Sampson. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution # 85** was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Eleby, identifying the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building located at 3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY 12184, as the polling place for the 2022 Village Election to be held on March 15, 2022. Election hours are between the hours of 12 noon and 9:00 pm. All in favor, carried.

**Resolution #86** was made by Trustee Carter to appoint Mary Anne Carr-Perez and Victoria Siter as election inspectors for the March 15, 2022 Village Election to be held between the hours of 12 noon and 9:00 pm at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building located at 3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY 12184. Jane Pulver is appointed as an alternate. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Use of MHG Building/Parks/Senior Center/Gazebo**- (applications on file in the clerk’s office)

1. Girl Scout Troop 5548 for yoga and troop meeting
2. Girl Scout Troop 1539 for basketball
3. Family Resource for use of Room 210 and the gym for the parent supervised playgroup

**Resolution #87** was made by Trustee Nero to approve the above applications. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #88** was made by Trustee Williams to approve the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th from 9:00 am-11:00 am. Trustee Eleby seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Other Business**-

The Town of Kinderhook Highway Department has been doing a great job at keeping our roads safe and clear. The Village of Valatie commends the Highway Department for a great job and the Mayor plans on providing them with a little luncheon as a ‘Thank You”.

**Resolution # 89** was made by Trustee Eleby to enter in to Executive session at 7:42 pm to discuss other matters before the Board. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

**Resolution #90** was made by Trustee Eleby to exit Executive session at 8:09 pm with no decisions being made. Trustee Williams seconded, all in favor, carried.

With no further business to discuss,

**Resolution #91** was made by Trustee Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Trustee Carter seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer

Village Clerk/Treasurer